

# Summer in the City

Take Advantage of What's HOT in Camps and Classes Throughout the City of Rockville This Year

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## Camps Change with Needs of Community

*Youth Contribute to Rockville's Environmental Efforts*

The first camp programs in the City of Rockville began in 1962, offering children few options for summer fun. Many of those first campers now have children of their own who can participate in Rockville's summer programs.

Much has changed since those early days. The Croydon Creek Nature Center, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and Thomas Farm Community Center have opened. The number of camps being offered has grown from simple sports and arts and crafts camps to camps for gardening, cooking, dance, pottery, theater, computers and television.

In 2009, the City's commitment to its residents continues by providing free bus transportation from designated neighborhood locations, maintaining the camper to staff ratios at 8 to 1 and increasing efforts to be more environmentally aware.

Rockville is encouraging parents to use the bus service being provided as it helps to reduce emissions and traffic. Additionally, campers will be encouraged to recycle, and will learn through activities and daily messages, the importance of recycling.

"Each of us can do many simple things every day to improve our environment," said Jan Golden, Rockville recreation program supervisor. "The earlier in life we learn, the better it is for the environment." ■



"Super Stars" campers take a break from summer fun.

## Help Students to Make Summer Memories

*Rockville Rec Fund Provides Opportunities for All*

Just as the last school bell rings on the final day of school, it also signals the start of summer: a time for having fun and making memories. And summer camps have long been a right of passage for youngsters.

But not all children are afforded the same opportunities, which is why the City of Rockville established the Recreation Fund more than 20 years ago. The fund provides that opportunity to someone who might not otherwise be able to afford to participate in a summer camp or other recreation program.

Since its inception, more than 2,000 children have benefited from the Recreation Fund and thousands of dollars have been raised annually. When the fund first began, about \$15,000 was raised and in 2007 more than \$80,000 was raised. Each year, that number grows.

The Recreation Fund has a long tradition of helping children and families in the Rockville community with 100 percent of donations going directly toward the fund.

"Our goal is to never turn away a child from participating because of financial need," said Betsy Thompson, Superintendent of Recreation for Rockville. "The residents have stepped up and made this possible."

There are three ways to contribute to the Recreation Fund:

- Round up your payment to the next whole dollar increment when filling out your registration form. Enter the difference on the Recreation Fund donation line.
- Send a check, made payable to the Rockville Recreation Fund. Mail it to Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- City programs that cost \$25-\$99 have \$1 added to the cost and programs that cost \$100 or more have \$2 added to the cost. The additional money goes to the fund.

For residents who may need financial assistance through the Recreation Fund, it is available to residents living in the corporate city limits. Those residents must pay \$15 for each camp costing up to \$125 and \$15 plus the difference in price for camps costing more than \$125. For information on how to obtain assistance, call 240-314-8620. ■

## Summer Heats Up with New Camps, Options

Parents gearing up for summer fun in Rockville will find a multitude of new camps being offered this year, as well as options for enrolling their children in one-week camps instead of traditional two-week camps.

"The greatest thing about Rockville camps is the number of choices of quality programs that are right in your own back yard," said Jan Golden, Rockville recreation program supervisor. "We have really high quality and well-trained staff, and many of them grew up in the program."

With more than 50 camps to choose from, including 16 new camps this year, students ages 3-16 will find something to suit their tastes.

By now, residents have likely received the 2009 Summer Camps guide, which is also available online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation), to find information about all of the camps.

Camp registration for Rockville residents began Jan. 21 and registration for non-residents begins Wednesday, Feb. 4. Register through Rock Enroll on the Internet, mail, fax or in-person.

This year, Rockville is offering a variety of new camps, including an early bird special for the partial week when school ends for the year. The U.K. Elite Soccer will offer children ages 5-14 a chance to take to the

soccer fields for U.K. Soccer and Sports during the short week before all camps start for the summer on June 22.

In addition to the early bird camp, other new camps being offered this year include an intergenerational camp for students, ages 6-8, who like gardening or just digging in the dirt (Green Thumb Gardeners); a chance for children ages 6-10 to become more confident when they learn proper etiquette (Minding Your Manners); a chance for children ages 9-12 to channel their energy and achieve greater focus through martial arts (Kung Fu); an intensive dance class for children ages 9-12 who want to learn the latest moves (Hip Hop and Jazz); a camp for children ages 6-16 that's dedicated to gymnastics, trampoline and cheerleading; and an opportunity to learn the art of cooking and how to get around the kitchen (Cooking with Chef Bryan).

The City is also offering a number of one-week camp options this summer to better accommodate family vacation schedules and the needs of their children.

"It's important for us to be as flexible and accommodating to busy families as we can be," Golden said. "Summer camp should be fun and that attitude starts at registration."

For more information on camps in the City of Rockville, call 240-314-8620. ■

## Four Easy Ways to Register

1. Online: [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov), click on recreation registration and follow the steps. If you do not already have an account, you will be prompted to set up an account in the system
2. Fax: Send forms with credit card payment to 240-314-8659
3. Mail: Send forms with payment to Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Send to the attention of Registration Desk. Checks should be made payable to City of Rockville.
4. Walk-in: You can register in-person from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at City Hall, Rockville Municipal Swim Center, Rockville Senior Center, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, Lincoln Park Community Center and Croydon Creek Nature Center.

Note: Forms are available online, in the Camp Guide and at Rockville libraries.

## Foundation Assists City in Meeting Recreation Needs

The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., is dedicated to helping the City improve recreational activities and programs, as well as parks and facilities.

The foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to obtain grants the City could not otherwise apply for and to raise money for the Recreation Fund that assists in making Rockville recreation programs accessible to low-income residents who are unable to afford them.

In 2004, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met with the Mayor and Council to establish how Rockville could fulfill un-

met recreational needs in the city. The foundation is a result of those discussions and efforts.

The partnership between the City and the foundation allows a nonprofit dedicated to Rockville recreation and parks to seek grants while ensuring donors that the high standards of the City of Rockville will prevail in the administration.

Donations can be made to the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., and sent to 77 S. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850. For more information, call 240-314-8867 or visit [www.rppf.org](http://www.rppf.org). ■



### Environmental Awareness

The City of Rockville is encouraging camp counselors and campers to become more environmentally aware during summer camps. The following list of tips will help in these efforts.

- Ride the camp bus at locations where it is provided.
- Pack lunches in reusable or recyclable materials. Fill a reusable water bottle daily instead of using a new one each day.
- Recycle everything you can in City-provided recycling bins.
- Use environmentally-friendly products whenever possible.
- Use recyclable materials for arts and crafts projects.

If you have ideas on how to go green, bring them with you to camp or e-mail [jgolden@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jgolden@rockvillemd.gov).

# Take Advantage of the Many Offerings



"Kaleidoscope" campers make paper mache projects last summer as one of their many activities.

## Choose Your Fun

The City of Rockville offers more than 50 camps each summer that attract some 2,500 children ages 3-16. The following is a sampling of those camps. A comprehensive list is available online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation) or look for "Summer Camps Guide," available at most City facilities and Rockville and Twinbrook libraries.

The City also is offering the option for one-week sessions during the two-session camp that operates the week of July 4, and for several of the more popular programs, such as multi-sports, creative crafts, kidnetic and kaleidoscope, to name a few.

### SPECIALTY

#### Green Thumb Gardeners

- A new camp that includes an intergenerational component for children ages 6-8.
- Children work with seniors to grow plants from seeds, prepare a simple flower or vegetable garden and create a small container garden. They will also learn how to



Campers work on a craft to take a break from the outdoors.

- protect a garden from pests.
- Activities will include arts and crafts using objects found in the garden.
- Location: Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

#### Minding Your Manners

- A new camp to help children ages 6-10 boost their confidence.
- Boys Country Day School Etiquette Camp provides the opportunity to know what to do and when to do it when it comes to using good manners.

- Topics include table manners and table settings, telephone and e-mail etiquette, invitations and thank you notes, introductions, eye contact and handshakes. Polite conversation and good sportsmanship will also be covered.
- Location: Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

#### Kung Fu

- A new camp to help children ages 7-12 channel their energy and develop focus.
- Participants will increase their physical fitness, flexibility, stamina, coordination and discipline.
- Location: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

#### Hip Hop and Jazz

- A new dance class for children ages 9-12.
- Jazz incorporates Broadway and classical flavors to create a stunning impression. Hip Hop moves translate current street and funky dance styles.
- Location: Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

#### Cooking with Chef Bryan

- A new cooking camp for children ages 8-13.
- Participants learn their way around the kitchen and create tasty, healthy and fun recipes.
- Each day will consist of preparing and eating a full meal. Participants will take home a recipe book of all the meals they prepared.
- Chef Bryan's Kitchen, 251 Market Street West in Kentlands, Gaithersburg.

#### Skate Boarding

- A fun camp for children ages 6-14 who may be at a beginner or intermediate skating level.
- Learn to push, ride, tack-turn, ollie, kick flip, grind, stall and drop in, as well as skate park etiquette.
- Location: Rockville Skate Park, 355 Martins Lane at Welsh Park.

#### UK Elite Soccer and Sports Sampler: Early Bird

- A new camp for youngsters ages 5-14 and 7-14 during the first three days that school is out.
- Get a jump on summer and join us for U.K. Soccer and/or Sports, with groupings made by age and ability. Register for morning or afternoon sessions, or both.
- Location: Welsh Park, Martins Lane at Mannakee Street.

### SCIENCE AND NATURE

#### Explorers

- A camp for children ages 5-7 that allows them to explore nature.
- Arts, crafts, games, theme days and other activities are part of the day. A field trip is also featured.
- Swim lessons are included, Tuesday through Thursday at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, indoor pool.
- Location: College Gardens Elementary School, 1700 Yale Place.

### TEEN ADVENTURE

#### Destination: Creativity or Outdoors

- Teens ages 9-14 have a destination this

summer whether their interests involve artistic creativity or outdoor adventure.

- In Destination: Creativity, teens use their imagination to create ceramic pieces, mosaics, glass fusing, acrylic painting and more.
- In Destination: Outdoors, teens head out in a different direction to go hiking, climbing or swimming.
- Location: Croydon Creek Nature Center, 652 Avery Road.

### SPORTS

#### Gymnastics, Trampoline and Cheerleading

- A new camp for children ages 6-16 to learn the basics of gymnastics, tumbling and trampoline routines.
- Basic tumbling, cartwheels, back hand springs, stunting, motions, jumps, cheers and dances are taught, and a new choreographed routine will be performed at the end of each week.
- Group games, arts and crafts are also part of each day.
- Location: Xtreme Acro and Cheer, 20 East Southlawn Court.

#### Multi-Sports, Tennis and Games

- Children ages 8-12 can learn the basics of a variety of sports and games that may include hockey, basketball, baseball, flag football, soccer and tennis.
- Participants will learn sportsmanship, skill development, rules, strategy and have fun.
- General recreational activities and swim are also included.
- Location: Welsh Park, Martins Lane at Mannakee Street.

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## Getting in Touch with Recreation and Parks

Classes, Camps, Trips.....	240-314-8620
Cultural Arts Information Line.....	240-314-5006
Directions Line: City Hall, Rockville Civic Center, Senior Center and Swim Center.....	240-314-5047
Rockville Civic Center (Glenview Mansion, Art Gallery, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre).....	240-314-8660
Climbing Gym.....	240-314-8643
Croydon Creek Nature Center.....	240-314-8770
Lincoln Park Community Center.....	240-314-8780
Parks and Facilities Maintenance.....	240-314-8700
Park and Picnic Rentals.....	240-314-8660
Recreation Line.....	240-314-5023
Recreation and Parks Administration.....	240-314-8600
Recreation Programs.....	240-314-8620
RedGate Golf Course.....	240-314-8730
RockEnroll (Recreation Registration).....	301-762-4284
Rockville Sk8 Park.....	240-314-8643
Senior Center.....	240-314-8800
Special Events.....	240-314-5022
Sports Line.....	240-314-5055
Swim Center.....	240-314-8750
TTY (City Hall).....	240-314-8137
Thomas Farm Community Center.....	240-314-8840
Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.....	240-314-8830
Web site.....	<a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation">www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation</a>
FAX - Recreation Division.....	240-314-8659

## Registration Information

CAMP SESSIONS	CAMP DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES
Session 1	6/22-7/2	5/28
Session 2	7/6-7/17	6/11
Session 3	7/20-7/31	6/25
Session 4	8/3-8/7	7/9
Session 5	8/10-8/14	7/16
Session 6	8/17-8/21	7/23



# toma ventaja de muchas oportunidades



"Way Off Broadway" campers participate in theater offered through Rockville's summer camps.

## Título principal: Elija su diversión

La ciudad de Rockville ofrece más de 50 campamentos cada verano que atraen alrededor de 2,500 niños de 3 a 16 años. La siguiente es una muestra de esos campamentos y no una lista completa. La lista completa se encuentra disponible en línea en [www/rockvillermid.gov/recreation](http://www/rockvillermid.gov/recreation) o en una Guía de Campamentos de Verano disponible en la mayoría de las instalaciones de la ciudad.

La ciudad también ofrece la opción de sesiones de una semana de duración en el campamento de dos sesiones que funciona la semana del 4 de julio y para varios de los programas populares, tales como multideportes, artesanía creativa, kidnetic y kaleidoscope, por nombrar algunos.

## ESPECIALIDAD

### Jardineros con habilidades

- Un nuevo campamento que incluye un componente intergeneracional para niños de 6 a 8 años.
- Los niños trabajan con niños mayores para cultivar plantas con semillas, preparar un jardín simple con flores o vegetales y crear un jardín en un contenedor pequeño. Asimismo, aprenderán cómo proteger al jardín de las plagas.
- Las actividades incluirán trabajos de arte y artesanía usando objetos encontrados en el jardín.
- Ubicación: Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

### Tomar en cuenta los modales

- Un nuevo campamento para ayudar a los

niños de 6 a 10 años a incrementar la confianza en sí mismos.

- El campamento de Etiqueta de Boyds Country Day School brinda la oportunidad de saber cómo y cuándo hacer algo en lo que respecta a buenos modales.
- Los tópicos incluyen etiqueta en la mesa y cómo poner la mesa, buenos modales en el uso del teléfono y correo electrónico, invitaciones y notas de agradecimiento, presentaciones, contacto visual y saludo. También comprenderá el diálogo cordial y buen comportamiento deportivo.
- Ubicación: Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

### Kung Fu

- Un nuevo campamento para que los niños de 7 a 12 años canalicen su energía y desarrollen la concentración.
- Los participantes incrementarán su bienestar físico, flexibilidad, resistencia, coordinación y disciplina.
- Ubicación: Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

## Muestra selecta de fútbol y deportes de Gran Bretaña: Early Bird

- Un nuevo campamento para jóvenes de 5 a 14 años y de 7 a 14 años durante los tres primeros días en que terminan las clases.
- Adelántate al verano y únete a nosotros para practicar fútbol y deportes de Gran Bretaña en grupos formados de acuerdo a edad y habilidad. Regístrate para las sesiones de la mañana y tarde o ambas.
- Ubicación: Welsh Park, Martins Lane at Mannakee Street.

## CIENCIA Y NATURALEZA

### Exploradores

- Un campamento para niños de 5 a 7 años que les permite explorar la naturaleza.
- Arte, artesanía, juegos, días temáticos y otras actividades son parte del día. También se ha considerado un viaje de estudio.
- Se incluye clases de natación, de martes de jueves en el Rockville Municipal Swim Cen-



"Kid\*Netic" campers climb the wall at Rockville's Climbing Gym.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question.** My child will be the correct age for camp by Sept. 1. May I register?

**Answer.** Yes, for the most part, you may register your child for the program as long as he/she is the correct age by Sept. 1, the age deadline set by MCPS. In this instance, you may only register via mail, fax or in person at City facilities.

**Question.** Can I enroll my child in the same camp all summer?

**Answer.** Yes. But be aware that sessions can be somewhat repetitive. Often, when a child is repeatedly enrolled in the same camp, he/she registers for the same camp at the beginning and then later in the summer.

**Question.** What about the camp staff who will be supervising my child?

**Answer.** Camp staff is selected for their experience, enthusiasm, desire and ability to work well with children. Staff training includes safety procedures, program planning, skills development and techniques in working with children. Staff is certified in CPR and First Aid training. Reference and background checks, including fingerprinting, are also part of the hiring process.

**Question.** How can I access the bus transportation? How does it work?

**Answer.** When you register, indicate what bus stop you will be using. Be sure your child is at the stop starting at 8:10 a.m. Campers will be transported from the bus stops to Welsh Park, the hub for the camp transportation system. There, with the assistance of camp staff, they will be grouped by camp and transported or walked to their camp location. In the afternoon, the system is reversed.

Parents/guardians should pick up children at their bus stop at approximately 3:20 p.m. If you have children in several camps that include bus transportation, dropping at Welsh Park is an option. Children should not be dropped off at Welsh Park until 8:50 a.m. and should be picked up at 3:10 p.m.

### Hip Hop y Jazz

- Una nueva clase de danza intensiva para niños de 9 a 12 años.
- El jazz incorpora aires clásicos y de Broadway para crear una impresión sensorial. Los movimientos del hip hop combinan los estilos actuales de la danza de la calle y la danza funky.
- Ubicación: Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

### Cocinar con el Chef Bryan

- Un nuevo campamento de cocina para niños de 8 a 13 años.
- Los participantes aprenden a manejarse en la cocina y crear recetas sabrosas, saludables y divertidas.
- Cada día estará dedicado a preparar y comer una comida completa. Los participantes se llevarán a casa un libro de recetas de todas las comidas que prepararon.
- Chef Bryan's Kitchen, 251 Market Street West in Kentlands, Gaithersburg.

### Skate Boarding

- Un campamento de diversión para niños de 6 a 14 que pueden estar en el nivel inicial o intermedio en skating.
- Aprenda a impulsar, montar, cambiar de dirección (tack-turn), olly, kick-flip, grind, stall y drop in, así como los buenos modales en la práctica del skate.
- Ubicación: Rockville Skate Park, 355 Martins Lane at Welsh Park.

ter, en una piscina interior.

- Ubicación: College Gardens Elementary School, 1700 Yale Place.

## AVENTURA PARA ADOLESCENTES

### Destination: Creatividad o actividades al aire libre

- Los adolescentes de 9 a 14 años tienen cuentan con un destino este verano ya sea que sus intereses involucren creatividad artística o aventuras al aire libre.
- En los cursos Destination (Destino), Creativity (Creatividad) los adolescentes usan su imaginación para crear piezas de cerámica, mosaicos, arte en vidrio laminado, pintado en acrílico y más.
- Destination: Al aire libre, los adolescentes se dirigen en una dirección diferente para hacer excursiones, andinismo o natación.
- Ubicación: Croydon Creek Nature Center, 652 Avery Road.

## DEPORTES

### Gimnasia, trampolín y animación en encuentros deportivos

- Un nuevo campamento para niños de 6 a 16 años en donde aprenderán los funda-

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# Rockville Facilities have Something for Everyone

Thomas Farm Community Center is Rockville's newest Recreation and Parks center and the first on the city's west side. And like all of Rockville's centers, when it opens in February, it will offer residents a place that features a variety of recreational opportunities.

Rockville is home to four community centers, a swim center with a regulation size 50-meter pool, an 18-hole golf course, a skate park, climbing gym, nature center and performance theatre.

The city also has more than three dozen parks, including the Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park, Veterans Park and the Rockville Dog Park.

The following list gives a glimpse into the many recreational centers and parks that are located in Rockville:

- **Climbing Gym** – The gym offers three sides that feature climbing facilities for all levels of climbing. Call 240-314-8643 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/climbinggym/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/climbinggym/index.html).
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** – The center is located on 120 acres of preserved forest with a winding creek. The center features an exhibit room to watch birds, a discovery room where the center's little creatures live and a network of trails. Call 240-314-8770 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek/index.html).
- **Lincoln Park Community Center** – The center features a gymnasium, fitness room, computer lab, tennis courts, tot lot and multi-purpose room. Call 240-314-8780 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc/index.html).
- **RedGate Municipal Golf Course** – An 18-hole, par-71 golf course that has been ranked as one of the 10 finest facilities in the Washington Metropolitan area. Call 240-314-8730 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate/index.html).
- **Rockville Civic Center Park** – A 153-acre park that features the historic Glenview Mansion, F. Scott Fitzgerald Mansion, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Climbing Gym, art gallery, cottage, social hall, playgrounds, tennis courts, formal gardens and fitness trails.
  - **Glenview Mansion:** A 30-room neo-classical 19th-century home that hosts weddings, parties, business meetings and more. Call 240-314-8660 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/parks-facilities/civiccenter.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/parks-facilities/civiccenter.htm).

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- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre:** A 446-seat performing arts facility, is used by both community theatrical groups and professional touring companies. Call 240-314-8690 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/parks-facilities/civiccenter.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/parks-facilities/civiccenter.htm).
- **Rockville Senior Center** – A central location for residents age 60 and older that offers programs and services related to aging. The center offers recreational activities and classes, an arts and crafts room, fitness center, game room, library, lounge, gift shop, woodworking shop and more. Call 240-314-8800 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/senior-center/index.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/senior-center/index.htm).
- **Skate Park** – A 10,300-square-foot skating area constructed with "Skatelite Pro," for in-line skaters, skateboarders and freestyle bikers. Call 240-314-8643 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/skatepark/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/skatepark/index.html).
- **Rockville Municipal Swim Center** – The center features two indoor lap swimming pools, a 15-person spa, an outdoor 50-meter pool with diving boards of varying heights, a large free-form recreation pool with a waterslide and beach, a tot pool with fountains, a sprayground, an exercise room and snack bar. Call 240-314-8750 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter/index.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter/index.htm).
- **Twinbrook Community Recreation Center** – The center offers a variety of classes and programs, a computer lab, fitness room, tot lot, tennis courts, multi-purpose rooms, full-size gymnasium and rental space. Call 240-314-8830 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook/index.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook/index.htm).
- **Thomas Farm Community Center** – The city's newest center features a full-size gymnasium, game room, multi-purpose rooms, fitness center and lounge area with computer access and networks. Call 240-314-8840 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/thomasfarm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/thomasfarm).
- **Rockville park system** – Rockville offers more than 905 acres in 65 parks of varying sizes with a multitude of amenities. To learn more about Rockville parks, call 240-314-5000 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation) ■



Children play a sports game during camp in Rockville.

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## XTREMELY FUN

### Kid\*Netic

- Children ages 7-10 learn fitness and healthy habits that last a lifetime.
- Participants explore different fitness activities that might include kickboxing, yoga, hiking, rock climbing and more.
- Crafts, swimming and active games will also be part of the fun.
- Location: Ritchie Park Elementary School, 1514 Dunster Road.

## PRESCHOOL

### Camp Challenger Jr.

- A preschool program for children ages 3-5 that features fun, non-competitive sports and fitness activities.
- Learning stations allow for fun-in-learning, hands-on activities based on a space theme.
- Robert Frost Middle School, 9201 Scott Drive.

## ARTS AND DRAMA

### Pottery

- Children ages 8-12 create original pieces of pottery that are both fun and functional.
- Basic hand-building techniques such as coil, slab and pinch-pot are included.
- Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

## CROYDON CREEK

### NCTV—Nature Television

- A camp for children ages 9-13 who love watching nature shows on the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet.
- Participants learn the process of making nature programs by filming their own.
- Location: Croydon Creek Nature Center, 652 Avery Road.

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- mentos de la gimnasia, volantines y rutinas de trampolín.
- Se enseñan danzas y animación, volteretas, volteretas laterales, voltereta de manos hacia atrás, acrobacia, movimientos, saltos, además se realizará una nueva rutina coreográfica al finalizar cada semana.
- También se realizarán cada día juegos en grupo y actividades de arte y artesanía.
- Ubicación: Xtreme Acro and Cheer, 20 East Southlawn Court.

### Multideportes, tenis y juegos

- Los niños de 8 a 12 años pueden aprender

los fundamentos de varios deportes y juegos que pueden incluir jockey, basketball, baseball, flag football, soccer y tenis.

- Los participantes recibirán mayor énfasis en deportividad, desarrollo de habilidades, reglas, estrategia y diversión.
- También se incluyen actividades recreativas generales y natación.
- Ubicación: Welsh Park, Martins Lane en Manakee Street.

## XTREMELY FUN

### Kid\*Netic

- Niños de 7 a 10 años aprenden a tener un buen estado físico y hábitos saludables para toda la vida.
- Los participantes exploran diferentes tipos de actividades que podrían incluir kickboxing, yoga, excursionismo, escalada en roca y más.
- Parte de la diversión se dará a través de práctica de artesanía, natación y juegos activos.
- Ubicación: Ritchie Park Elementary School, 1514 Dunster Road.

## PREESCOLAR

### Camp Challenger Jr.

- Un programa preescolar para niños de 3 a 5 años con deportes divertidos y no competitivos, además de actividades para el bienestar físico.
- Las estaciones de aprendizaje permiten el aprendizaje divertido y actividades para hacer trabajos prácticos de acuerdo a un tema en el espacio.
- Robert Frost Middle School, 9201 Scott Drive.

## ARTE Y DRAMA

### Cerámica

- Niños de 8 a 12 años crean piezas originales de cerámica que son divertidas y funcionales.
- Comprende técnicas manuales básicas tales como: enrollado, laminado y bola.
- Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

## CROYDON CREEK

### NCTV—Nature Television

- Un campamento para niños de 9 a 13 años que gustan ver los programas sobre naturaleza que se presentan en Discovery Channel y Animal Planet.
- Los participantes aprenden el proceso de realizar programas sobre la naturaleza por medio de la filmación.
- Ubicación: Croydon Creek Nature Center, 652 Avery Road.

# Counselors Enjoy Summertime In Rockville as Much as Campers

Pam Thompson attended her first Rockville camp at age 12. Fourteen years later, Thompson is still making the most of her summers through Rockville City camps.

"I really just enjoy and love the interaction with everybody," said Thompson, College Gardens second-grade teacher.

Thompson is one of many campers who attended a City camp then went on to participate with Leaders-In-Training (L.I.T.), a voluntary training program in which students ages 13-15 assist at playgrounds or for camp recreation staff with sports, games, and arts and crafts.

Thompson also worked as a leader, a director and now serves as a site supervisor. "The whole being able to be outdoors part of it... being able to act like a kid; it's a lot of fun," Thompson said. The staff at the camps really do become like a family."

Applications for the L.I.T. program are available beginning Feb. 23 and interviews take place in mid-April. Applications can be picked up at the Recreation and Parks Department at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 240-314-8620 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov)



A "Leader in Training" works with campers.

recreation and click on teens program for an application.

If you are 16 or older and would like to work with Rockville Camps, call 240-314-8470 or go to [www.rockvillemd.gov/careers](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/careers).

Rockville summer programs have grown considerably since beginning more than 45 years ago. Thompson and others like her have grown up with the camps.

"It's a great chance for the kids to have a good structured summer and have fun in the sun and meet kids from all over the city," she said. ■